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FYI -

Kelly,

I am not sure of Todd's address but he can be reached on his cell at  
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His new company is Colorado Goldfields Inc., but which of his numerous  
mining properties are controlled or associated with each of his three  
entities is unknown to me (the other two entities are San Juan Corp. and  
Salem Minerals).

As you may be aware, the existing Gold King Mining Permit (#M86-013)  
held by the previous owner/operator has been revoked, and the  
reclamation Bond forfeited. DRMS currently has responsibility for  
executing the permitted reclamation plan, and \$44,000 in an account from  
the bond funds to seal the portals, reclaim some drill roads, and  
permanently channel the discharge off the mine dump in a manner that is  
stable and won't cause erosion. The Gold King is currently in the queue  
for this reclamation. We are preparing to send a letter to Todd  
requesting that he give us a time frame for when he will either allow  
DRMS to perform the permitted reclamation plan, or file a new permit or  
NOI that would supersede the old one to cover any further activities at  
the Gold King property.

We also understand that Todd may be intending to conduct some WQ  
investigation activities including re-opening the portals and partly  
re-habilitating the mine workings under an AOC with EPA. The intent is  
that this could be done without filing an NOI with DRMS, as would  
normally occur. We expect that if this avenue is used for UG exploration  
in lieu of an NOI with DRMS, any disturbances that result from these

activities would be reclaimed under negotiated provisions of the AOC (e.g. sludge mucked out of the workings, old debris and timbers etc. stacked on the dump, additional disturbances for drill roads etc. would be reclaimed/ delt with appropriately.

Todd has also had a drill road and pad prepared in upper Ross Basin, on the north side of the Gold King Property. This road work was done as part of fixing or improving an already existing "County Road", and no "new" disturbance was created. Todd has stated at ARSG meetings that he intends to begin drilling this summer.

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Hi Sabrina and Bruce-

I work for CDPHE-WQCD Enforcement. We are aware that Hennis is intending to do some exploration work at the Gold King mine. As you are aware, there are some outstanding water quality issues at Gold King. I am working on putting an information request together for Todd. Do either of you have any new info on his plans? Also, do you have his current contact info (address, etc.)? Is Todd representing San Juan Corp and CO Goldfields Inc.?

Thanks,  
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